22.12.18 A Scandalous Betrayal Matthew 1.18 – 25 Notes

INTRODUCTION

**How can you find and during Christmas?**

1. **Joseph experienced the of at Christmas.** Matthew 1.18
2. **Does the of the holiday bring back painful memories?**
3. **Joseph didn’t in and instead took the high road.**

At the very outset Joseph  .

Further, Joseph resisted the urge to  .

1. **the of Jesus offers.** Matthew 1.19 – 25

You too, can   , and hurt and pain and brokenness to God, knowing He can heal. Psalm 147.3

Even in our  we can lean into God. Ephesians 3.20

Accept the gift of healing Jesus offers through . John 10.10

Experience the gift of healing Jesus offers for   and brokenness. Matthew 1.20 - 21

God speaks  of  to you. John 16.33;

1 Corinthians 10.13; Isaiah 41.13

CONCLUSION

God calls us to let go of “former things,” so we can cling to our new identity in Christ. Isaiah 43.18 – 19

Embrace   of  brought to you through Jesus.